

**News from            Rep. Stephanie Herseth**  
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**HERSETH            STATEMENT ON STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS.**

**January            31, 2006, Washington, D.C. - U.S.**            Rep. Stephanie  
Herseth released the following statement tonight regarding            President  
Bush's 2006 State of the Union address:

"I am pleased            that the President is focusing on taking concrete steps to  
break our            nation's dependence on foreign oil. I hope that he, and leaders  
across            the country, will continue to discover what we in South Dakota  
already            know: renewable fuels like ethanol and biodiesel are absolutely  
vital            to energy independence, economic stability, and national security.  
Looking            to the year ahead, I remain committed to working in a bipartisan  
way            to advance an agenda that makes sense for rural America and  
recognizes            the value of renewable biofuels."

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